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In re Application of: )  
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Application Serial No.: 09/843,227 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
Filed: April 27, 2001 ) Examiner: Johnstone, A.  
For: TIRE AND METHOD OF )  
MAKING SAME )

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants would also like to point out to the Examiner the following pending patent application that may be related to the present application: U.S. patent application No. 10/038,622, filed January 8, 2002 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0148545-A1).

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Respectfully submitted,

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